



BY THE KING.

A Proclamation for the Vending and Transporting of the Cloth and Wollen Manufactures of this Kingdome.



HEREAS the Cloth, and other Wollen-Manufactures of this Kingdome, is a great and beneficial Trade, and those Commodities have formerly been brought up, from the severall parts of this Kingdome, to Our City of London, as the great Staple of that Trade, and been from thence Vented unto severall parts beyond the Seas, by the Company of Merchants-Adventurers, and others: which course cannot now be continued, in respect the said City, and most of the Merchants, residing therein, are in Rebellion against Us: which occasioned Us to prohibite all Trade thereunto. We have therefore thought fit, in contemplation of the advantage this Trade brings unto Our Kingdome in generall, in Vending the Woolls, and imploying so many of Our poor Subjects in the Manufactory thereof, especially in Our Western parts, (whose fidelity and obedience to Us, daily invites Us to afford them all favour and advantage) hereby to publish and declare, That Our Pleasure is, That from the severall Cities, Townes, and places of this Kingdome, now in obedience to Us, and not under the power and oppresion of the Rebels, it shall be lawfull for any Our Loyall Subjects to carry all kind of Cloth, and other Wollen-Manufactures whatsoever, to any Port or Ports, which either now are, or shall be in Our obedience, and possession; And from thence (paying the Customes, and other payments to Us, and likewise such other payments, as have been usually answered and paid for Licences of white Clothes) to Ship and Transport the same to any forraigne place in Amity with Us. Which Licence We hereby likewise give to all Merchants, Strangers, and their Factors, they only paying to Us Strangers-Customes, and payments, and such other payments, as have been usually answered, and paid for Licences of white Clothes. And to this purpose, We Command all Our Admiralls, Vice-Admiralls, Captaines of Ships, Captaines of Forts, Customers, Comptrollers, Searchers, and all other Our Officers, Ministers, and loving Subjects, to give way to the exportation of the same, and that they give the Merchants neither in their shipping, nor when they are at Sea, any interruption therein: they producing their Cockets, that they ship't forth their Lading from a Port under Our obedience, and in Our possession. And likewise We Command all Generalls, Colonells, Captaines of Horse, and Foot, and other Our Officers of Our Army, That in their conveying the said Commodities from any inward part of the Country, to any Port as aforesaid, they give no interruption to any Our Loyall Subjects, or Forraigners, Trading as aforesaid. Given at Our Court at OXFORD, this twenty first day of November, in the Nineteenth yeare of Our Reigne.

GOD SAVE THE KING.